

II. Amendments To The Claims

Applicants amend claims 1 and 14–18, as set forth below in a listing of all of the claims in the application, with the status of each claim noted parenthetically, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. This listing of claims will replace prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (currently amended) A detergent or cleaner shaped body three-layer tablet comprising a viscoelastic phase, said phase comprising, based on its weight, 60 to 85% by weight of one or more alkylbenzenesulfonates, and having a storage modulus of between 40,000 and 800,000 Pa and present in the form of a layer placed between two tableted phases, each in the form of a layer.

Claim 2. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 1, wherein the storage modulus of the viscoelastic phase is 50,000 to 750,000 Pa.

Claim 3. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 2, wherein the storage modulus of the viscoelastic phase is 60,000 to 700,000 Pa.

Claim 4. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 3, wherein the storage modulus of the viscoelastic phase is 70,000 to 650,000 Pa.

Claim 5. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 4, wherein the storage modulus of the viscoelastic phase is 80,000 to 600,000 Pa.

Claim 6. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 1, wherein the viscoelastic phase has a loss modulus having a value of no more than half the value of the storage modulus.

Claim 7. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 6, wherein the viscoelastic phase has a loss modulus having a value of no more than one quarter the value of the storage modulus.

Claim 8. (original) The detergent or shaped body of claim 1, wherein the viscoelastic phase has a phase shift in the range of 0° to 30°.

Claim 9. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 1, wherein the viscoelastic phase has a phase shift in the range of 0° to 20°.

Claim 10. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 1, wherein the viscoelastic phase has a phase shift in the range of 0° ≤ 17°.

Claim 11. (previously presented) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 1, wherein the viscoelastic phase comprises, based on its weight, 60 to 95% of one or more surfactants.

Claim 12. (previously presented) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 1, wherein the viscoelastic phase comprises, based on its weight, 60 to 82.5% by weight of one or more alkylbenzenesulfonates.

Claim 13. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 12, wherein the viscoelastic phase comprises, based on its weight, 60 to 80% by weight, one or more alkylbenzenesulfonates.

Claim 14. (currently amended) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 1, wherein the viscoelastic phase comprises, based on its weight, 0 to 20% by weight, ~~preferably 0.5 to 15% by weight, preferably 0.5 to 15% by weight and in particular 1 to 10% by weight~~ of nonionic surfactant(s).

Claim 15. (currently amended) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 1, further comprising wherein at least one of the tableted phases that, based on its weight, comprises 10 to 80% by weight of one or more builders.

Claim 16. (currently amended) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 1, wherein the at least one of the tableted phases comprises 20 to 75% by weight of one or more builders.

Claim 17. (currently amended) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 1, wherein the at least one of the tableted phases comprises 30 to 70% by weight of one or more builders.

Claim 18. (currently amended) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 1, further comprising two tableted phases each in the form of a layer, wherein the viscoelastic phase forms a the third layer between wherein at least one of the tableted layers phases has two layers.

Claim 19. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 15, wherein the at least one tableted phase, based on its weight, comprises less than 15% by weight of surfactants.

Claim 20. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 19, wherein the at least one tableted phase, based on its weight, comprises less than 7% by weight of surfactants.

Claim 21. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 20, wherein the at least one tableted phase, based on its weight, comprises less than 3% by weight of surfactants.

Claim 22. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 21, wherein the at least one tableted phase comprises no surfactants.

Claim 23. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 18, wherein the viscoelastic layer constitutes 0.1 to 0.6 times the total height of the remaining layers.

Claim 24. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 23, wherein the viscoelastic layer constitutes 0.15 to 0.5 times the total height of the remaining layers.

Claim 25. (original) The detergent or cleaner shaped body of claim 24, wherein the viscoelastic layer constitutes 0.2 to 0.4 times the total height of the remaining layers.